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MADEIRA ISLANDS

TO RADIO W9YT

CFM 2 X CW QSO OF 29-NOV-1981

GMT 0504 RST 599 ON 14 MHZ

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Heath SB220
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Madeira stands out in the Atlantic Ocean as a volcanic island mass rising high above the ocean swell. This "Pearl of the Atlantic", located 560 miles from the coast of Europe, offers tourists a climate which is mild at all times of the year and a vegetation which is subtropical, transforming the island into a garden always in bloom.

We always came back into this haven of beauty – to relax, sunbathe, dance and do DX. We have now done it for years. The CQ WW DX Contest records were broken many times from our funny-looking mountaintop hut. This year we made 5000 cw QSOs, first time ever in a 48-hour contest, and ended up almost senseless with severe eye inflammation as the result.

It is sunset in Madeira and sad to come down from the mountains. Or do we still come back? – only God will tell.